

Dear Parents/Carers,

I wanted to start by wishing you all a very Happy New Year. 2015 is going to be an exciting year for Bolingbroke Academy as the school continues to grow and expand. It has been wonderful to see the children arrive back to school looking refreshed and eager to learn. I would like to apologise for the extra day's holiday that we needed to enforce on Tuesday due to heating problems. The school was so cold that we were left with no option but to close whilst the problem was fixed but I am happy to report that this has all been resolved and we are seeing positive results.

This year brings some more exciting news that I am thrilled to announce. I wanted to inform you all that I am pregnant and expecting a baby at the very beginning of July. It was wonderful to share this news with all the children today and I am so happy to tell you all. I have been able to discuss this with our Chair of Governors and the plan is that Mr Speight will step into the role of Acting Principal whilst I am on Maternity Leave. It is my intention to return to school sometime in the autumn term.



As well as some big changes in my personal life I am happy to share some exciting changes within the school. Over the coming months we have a huge recruitment drive for new staff members to support us as the school grows. This term we have three new teachers join the Academy; Ms Sealey will be joining the Maths Department and brings with her a wealth of experience and a real passion for our specialist subject. Ms Sealey will be teaching both Year 7 and Year 9 classes.

Ms Oliver has also joined the school as the newest member of the Humanities team as the Lead History Teacher. Ms Oliver is a keen Historian and she is excited to start sharing her knowledge with all of the children at Bolingbroke. We also welcome Mr Effah who has joined the school as a Cover Supervisor. Mr Effah will be on site to support teachers and also step in if teachers are unwell or on training courses. Mr Effah has great all round knowledge and is looking forward to getting to know everyone.

Today pupils were treated in Assembly to a special surprise. Mr Crumbleholme discussed his New Years resolution to shave off his beard and pupils were treated to a live before and after makeover.



This is a short and extra Courageous Hound but a more substantial issue will be out on Friday 16th January and you should expect to see some of the following:

- Look at Cycle 1's Enrichments and what is coming in Cycle 2
- Duke of Edinburgh 2015
- Sports Fixtures 2015
- Parent Council info including the very popular Quiz and Spring Fair
- Library News
- Wicked Theatre Trip
- Parent Governor

Once again wishing you all a wonderful New Year and I look forward to another exciting year at Bolingbroke Academy.

Yours Sincerely

Ms Edis

HOUSE COMPETITIONS SCORES ON THE DOORS!

Competition	Erskine	Klein	Smyth	Verbiest
Year 7 Marble Run	5	20		10
Year 8 & 9 Ice Cream Tasting	10	5	10	5
Shaun Bailey "Why Education?"		50		
Ice Ream Competition (Winners)	20	5	10	
Ice Cream Competition (Entry Points)	8	18	7	8
Summer Reading Bingo	80	80		80
Summer Book Benches	100			100
Open Day Points	60	78	76	55
Chrstitams Card Competition	25			15
Christmas Card Entry Points	9	13	37	6
Black History Month	35			
Black History Entry Points	11	2	11	
Dyslexia Awareness Competition			10	25
Dyslexia Awareness Grid		2		6
Dyslexia Awareness Entry Points	8	5	27	20
Pupil's wearing Poppies	34	34	64	41
SSF Participation	20	20	10	25
Sonnet Competition	30	15	5	
Oh Bolingbroke	5	20	10	
Spring Menu			25	10
Spring Menu Entries			23	45
Staff Secret Santa		20		
TOTAL	460	387	325	451

PLANNERS

Replacement planners cost £2.50. They can now be bought at break times on Tues, Weds or Thursdays. Pupils with money on their cashless accounts can pay for them at the break time till.

FAMILY DINING

Week Two	Week Beginning 12th January				
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mains	Tuna Pasta	Chicken Pie with a Pastry Lid	Pasta Carbonara	Beef Casserole	Fish Fingers
Meat Free	Tomato & Basil Pasta	Veggie Pie with a Pastry Lid	Vegetable Pasta	Vegetable Stew	Veggie Fingers
Sides	Cheese Chef's Salad	New Potatoes Mixed Vegetables	Chef's Salad Garlic Bread Cheese	Dumplings Peas	Chips Carrots Tartare Sauce
Puddings	Fruit	Orange Jelly	Vanilla Cheese-cake	Banana Sponge Cake	Plums

HOUSE COMPETITION

DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY 15TH DECEMBER

What would you like to see implemented in your Academy from next half term?' Answers on a postcard/ paper min. 50 words explaining why this suggestion would benefit pupils and staff.

SUMMARY OF TEACHING GROUP CHANGES

Pupils have been given new timetables following a number of small changes over the holidays. Although most pupils' timetables are largely unchanged, some lessons have moved and some classes have new teachers. Pupils and parents are urged to study their timetables carefully to ensure they understand where changes have occurred.

In terms of staff changes, in Maths, Ms Sealey will teach the classes 9 Al Kwarismi and 7 Banneker (previously taught by Ms Donaldson and Ms Tibbetts) as well as 7 Hypatia and 7 Wallis. Ms Donaldson will now teach 8 Fibonacci as well as 9 Descartes with Ms Tibbetts.

In English, pupils in these classes will have the following teachers; 8 Zephaniah (Ms Brown), 8 Angelou (Mrs Green), 9 Shakespeare (Ms Nobes), 7 Dahl (Ms Khan). Ms Oliver takes over the teaching of most History classes, including 9 Culloden from Mr Speight, who will now teach 9 Gallipoli.

Mr Speight